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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 remain in the present application, of which claims 1, 11 and 14 are independent. Claims 11 and 14 have been amended herein. In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 20, 2003, applicants elect Group I, namely, claims 1-10, with traverse.

Applicants believe, however, that all of claims 1-16 can remain in the same application for examination purposes upon entering the claim amendments as set forth above. In particular, both the independent claims 11 and 14 of Group II now recite the phrase "using a currency reader" in reference to determining deposit information. This phrase was added in response to the Examiner's statement that "Invention II. can be carried out, at least in part, by hand. For example the step of determining deposit information could be carried out by hand." Now that both the independent claims 11 and 14 have the limitation of "determining deposit information using a currency reader," applicants respectfully submit that all of claims 1-16 are now directed to exemplary embodiments of a single invention. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that claims 1-16 be examined on the merits. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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